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Classified By: Acting Pol/Econ Counselor David Henry, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) On July 27 we visited with Knut Langeland (Senior Advisor) and Jan Arve Knutsen (Deputy Director General and Head of Section) in the MFA's Section for Disarmament and Nonproliferation. Langeland welcomed our points (which Knutsen identified as "very thorough"). Langeland (returning yesterday from business travel) requested additional time to carefully review the reftel points. He stressed that greater progress must be made in disarmament, but also restated that credit must be given for the nonproliferation achievements made, thus far. He emphasized that the Nuclear Weapon Free Zones (NFZs) were a "good idea," but believes that the U.S. is a bit "ambivalent" in this area. He asserted that NFZs were "a solid and tangible way of reducing nuclear weapons." Visit Oslo's Classified website:  
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